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SUBJECT: PROTEST AGAINST INTOURIST REPRESENTATIVE'S
ACTIVITIES

1. EUR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE CALLED
IN SOVIET DCM VASEV MAY 10 TO PROTEST ORALLY THE
UNACCEPTABLE ACTIVITIES OF ENRIKO DZHASHI, GENERAL
MANAGER OF INTOURIST AND PRESENT THE FOLLOWING NON-
PAPER. BEGIN TEXT: IT HAS COME TO THE ATTENTION
OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT THAT ENRIKO A.
DZHASHI, GENERAL MANAGER OF INTOURIST, IS ENGAGING
IN SERIOUSLY UNACCEPTABLE ACTIVITIES WHICH INCLUDE
ATTEMPTS TO PERSUADE US CITIZENS TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION CONCERNING OTHER US NATIONALS.

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SPECIFICALLY, WE HAVE LEARNED THAT MR. DZHASHI HAS
SUBJECTED US CITIZENS TO UNCONSCIONABLE PRESSURES TO
OBTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE POLITICAL VIEWS AND
AFFILIATIONS OF US CITIZENS WHO PLAN TO VISIT THE
USSR. US CITIZENS HAVE ALSO COME UNDER PRESSURE
FROM MR. DZHASHI TO JOIN VARIOUS US POLITICAL
ORGANIZATIONS AND TO REPORT TO HIM ON THEIR

LEADERSHIP AND PLANNED ACTIVITIES.

WE FIND THESE ACTIVITIES BY ENRIKO DZHASHI INTOLERABLE
AND INCOMPATIBLE WITH HIS STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES.
THEY MUST CEASE IMMEDIATELY. END TEXT.

2. VASEV REQUESTED SPECIFIC EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITY
AND ASKED WHETHER THE MATTER WAS RELATED TO
DISSIDENT GROUPS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE USSR AS
TOURISTS. ARMITAGE DECLINED TO GIVE ANY SPECIFIC
INFORMATION AND SAID HE KNEW OF NO CONNECTION
BETWEEN DZHASHI'S ACTIVITIES AND DISSIDENT GROUPS.
HE EMPHASIZED THAT IT IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH DZHASHI'S
FUNCTION TO ASK US CITIZENS TO INFORM ON OTHER US
CITIZENS AND THAT THIS IS THE ACTIVITY THE USG FINDS
OBJECTIONABLE. VASEV RESERVED FURTHER COMMENT AND
SAID THE SOVIET EMBASSY WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER.

3. COMMENT: DETAILS OF DZHASHI'S ACTIVITIES BEING
POUCHED TO EMBASSY. THE ARGUMENTS FOR EXPELLING
DZHASHI FROM THE US ARE STRONG, BUT, GIVEN THE
PRESENT STATE OF BILATERAL RELATIONS, WE DID NOT
BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IN OUR BEST INTERESTS TO DO SO
AT THIS TIME. A STRONG PROTEST, AS DELIVERED, LETS
THE SOVIETS KNOW THAT DZHASHI IS BEING CLOSELY WATCHED;
SEVERELY LIMITS HIS USEFULNESS; AND COULD POSSIBLY LEAD
THE SOVIETS TO RETURN HIM TO THE USSR. WE HAVE
REQUESTED THAT THE FBI MAINTAIN THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF
THIS CASE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE CHANCE OF
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